S.No.	Name of Schemes
26.	Development of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants
27.	Use of Plastics in Agriculture
28.	Development of Commercial Flouriculture
29.	Development of Mushroom
30.	Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid Temperate Zone Fruits
31.	Development of Root & Tuber Crops
32.	Development of Vegetables
33.	Integrated Development of Spices
34.	Investment in Debentures of LDBs
35.	Non Overdue Cover Scheme
36.	Agriculture Credit Stabilisation Fund
37.	Spl. Scheme for SC/STs
38.	Assistance to Women's Cooperatives
39.	Assistance to Weaker Section Cooperatives
40.	Crop Estimation Survey of Fruits, Vegetables & Minor Crops/Dignostic Study
41.	Livestock Census
42.	Agricultural Census
43.	Training & Extension
44.	Inland Fish Marketing
45.	Fresh Water Fish Farms

Conversion of Ahmedabad-Delhi Railway Line

196. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for completing the broad gauge conversion work of Ahmedabd-Marwar-Ajmer-Jaipur-Delhi Railway line;

(b) the reasons for delay in achieving the target;

(c) the extent of the work completed on this project and the amount spent thereon;

(d) the likely time to be taken for completion of the remaining work and the amount earmarked for it; and

(e) the alternative arrangements made for the facilities of passengers during the period of gauge conversion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) 31.03.97.

(b) There is no delay.

(c) and (d) The preblock work has been completed. Conversion regarding Block work will start on 28.11.96 and is expected to be completed by 15.03.97. The amount spent on this project till 31.03.96 is Rs. 274.57 crores and funds provided for this project in this financial year is Rs. 182 crs.

(e) Through service between Delhi and Ahmedabad on MG will be maintained via Udaipur-Chittaurgarh. A BG triweekly service between Delhi and Ahmedabad will also be provided.

Facilities to Retired Railway and Other Central Government Employees

197. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway employees are getting the same facilities, such as the scales of pay and other allowances, as other Central Government employees;

(b) whether it is a fact that facilities like LTC has been discontinued for all retired Central Government employees, but it is continuing for retired railway personnel, though in a smaller scale;

(c) if so, whether Government would consider for all retired Central Government employees same pattern concession for rail travel at least once in two years; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The pay scales allowed to railway employees are as per the recommendations made by the successive Pay Commissions, as accepted by the Government. The allowances admissible to railway employees are also based on the orders issued by the nodal Ministries *viz.* Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

(b) to (d) There is no scheme of LTC on Railways. Instead, the retired railway employees are entitled for post-retirement complimentary passes on the basis of length of service rendered by them to the railways.

In so far as Central Government employees are concerned, travel concession facilites are at present available only to serving personnel for being availed during leave at specified scales. These have been designed to enable the employees to visit their home town for meeting family obligations while in service. Travel facilities for visiting other places are also provided to serving personnel on a reduced scale to give them an opportunity to visit and see other regions of the country so that it may help them in widening their knowledge and in discharging their duties as public servants. These considerations are not attracted in the case of pensioners and they cannot be considered at par with serving employees for extension of traval concession facilities.

Reduction in the Posts of PGTs (Commerce) in Kedriya Vidyalayas

198. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms of determining posts of PGTs (Commerce) in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) what are the details of Kendriya Vidyalayas where two or more posts of PGTs were in existance during 1991—96;

(c) whether in some such Kendriya Vidyalayas the second post has since been withdrawn; and

(d) if so, the details and justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Subject-wise PGTs are sanctioned depending upon the stream existing and period requirement of each subject in a Kendriya Vidyalaya.

(b) There are 19 Kendriya Vidyalayas having two PGTs be on 1.4.1996.

(c) and (d) Second post of PGT (Commerce) has been withdrawn from Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Indore keeping in view the requirement of Kendriya Vidyalaya.

Technological Development in the Field of Chemical fertilizers

199. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest technological developments in the world for production of different types of chemical fertilizers;

(b) the current and relative position of use of technology for fertilizer production in India, *vis-a-vis* technological developments in the world;

(c) whether there have been instances of bad effects of use of urea or potash or